

Dental Benefits for Individuals with Blindness or Disabilities

- Individuals with blindness or disabilities currently receive state plan dental benefits under the State's 1915(b) Dental Choices Waiver and the 1115 Primary Care Network Demonstration Waiver.
 - Dental benefits are currently provided through the State's dental managed care delivery system.
- Because of recent legislative budget reductions due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, the State no longer has funding to provide the State's share for dental benefits for individuals with blindness or disabilities.
- The University of Utah (state teaching hospital) School of Dentistry has agreed to provide the State matching funds for these services through an Intergovernmental transfer.
- The U of U School of Dentistry currently provides dental benefits for Aged Medicaid and Targeted Adult Medicaid beneficiaries.
- This amendment requests:
 - Authority to change the benefit delivery system for dental benefits for individuals with blindness or disabilities. Benefits will be provided through the University of Utah School of Dentistry, and its associated statewide network of dental providers, rather than the current managed care delivery system.
 - Authority to provide porcelain and porcelain-to-metal crowns for this population, as is currently authorized under the State's 1115 demonstration waiver for Aged Medicaid beneficiaries, and Targeted Adult Medicaid beneficiaries who are eligible for dental benefits.
- Eligibility
 - Medicaid eligible individuals age 18 and older, with blindness or disabilities.
- Benefits
 - Individuals will continue to receive state plan dental benefits.
 - Individuals will also be eligible to receive porcelain and porcelain-to-metal crowns.
- Proposed Demonstration Timeframe
 - The State is requesting approval to implement on January 1, 2021.
- Population Impacted
 - Approximately 32,000 individuals will be impacted by this amendment.

Demonstration amendment documents are available online at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/1115-waiver>

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